

REMARKS

Claims 1-11 and 13-19 are now present in this application.

Claims 1 and 10 have been amended, and claim 12 has been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein. Reconsideration of the application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

Claims 1 and 10 stand rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by KRANE, U.S. Patent 5,799,063. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claims 2 and 15 stand rejected under 35 USC 103 as being unpatentable over KRANE in view of CHEN et al., U.S. Patent 4,173,832. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claims 3 and 16 stand rejected under 35 USC 103 as being unpatentable over KRANE in view of CHEN, and further in view of SLOTZNICK, U.S. Patent 6,011,537. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claims 4, 5, 13 and 14 stand rejected under 35 USC 103 as being unpatentable over KRANE in view of BEYDA et al., U.S. Patent 6,004,326. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claims 6, 7, 9, 17 and 18 stand rejected under 35 USC 103 as being unpatentable over KRANE in view of D'AMICO et al., U.S. Patent 4,168,399. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claims 8 and 19 stand rejected under 35 USC 103 as being unpatentable over KRANE in view of KUZMA, U.S. Patent 5,832,506. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claims 11 and 12 stand rejected under 35 USC 103 as being unpatentable over KRANE. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claim 1 has been amended to further specify steps of "receiving an input number from a remote control" and "displaying the second web page on a television screen". The basis for these features can be found in the original specification, and thus no new matter is added.

Independent claim 1 of the present application teaches a method for browsing on-line using numeric keys. According to the present application, a plurality of hyperlinks displayed on a first web page are sorted and associated with corresponding numbers, respectively. When a number is received from a remote control, a second web page is retrieved using one of the hyperlinks corresponding to the input number, and the second web page is displayed using a television screen.

KRANE teaches a communication method for establishing pages with pre-recorded audio messages as additions to Web sites containing standard/multimedia Web pages (or alone at Web sites with no other Web pages). The pages with pre-recorded audio messages are accessible by telephone via the Internet, but not by computers accessing the Web sites via the Internet. A user can

control transmission of the pre-recorded audio message to the telephone link by a voice command or by a command entered by the telephone keypad. The method taught by KRANE deals with audio message associated with web pages. According to the method taught by KRANE, users cannot access contents of a web page using the system and method thereof.

As described above, the method taught by KRANE only provides access to pre-recorded audio message associated with a web page, wherein the audio message is selected using a telephone keypad. On the contrary, the present invention discloses a method for browsing whole contents of a web page, wherein the web page is selected using numeric keys on a remote control, and the contents of the web page are displayed using a television set.

As discussed above, the access targets in KRANE method and the present invention are different, and the accessing paths are different. Furthermore, because the KRANE method only deals with audio messages, it cannot provide access to multimedia contents. On the contrary, the present application provides access to multimedia contents of a web page via a television device and associated network device, such as a set-top box.

The secondary references utilized by the Examiner fail to overcome the deficiencies of the primary reference.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the method of independent claims 1 and

10, as well as their dependent claims, are neither taught nor suggested by the prior art utilized by the Examiner. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the 35 USC 102(b) and 103 rejections are respectfully requested.

Because the additional prior art cited by the Examiner has been included merely to show the state of the prior art and has not been utilized to reject the claims, no further comments concerning these documents are considered necessary at this time.

In the event that any outstanding matters remain in this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (703) 205-8000 in the Washington, D.C. area.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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